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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: EXAMINER: BECKERLEG, A.

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FOR: ANIMAL MODEL FOR ALLERGIC DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 31.

Please amend the claims as follows. For convenience, all of the pending claims are reproduced below.

--29. (Amended) A mouse suitable as a model for atopic dermatitis, wherein the mouse is a NC/Nga mouse which has been sensitized with a mite extract on the ear(s) under a specific pathogen free environment, such that the animal displays at least one symptom of atopic dermatitis caused by the mite extract.

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